

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 21, 23, 35, 38 and 39 are canceled without prejudice to the applicant's right to file a continuation application on the subject matter of some or all of these claims. Claim 11 which is allowed in the Office Action is amended to delete molybdenum from the claim. Because molybdenum is canceled from claim 11, claims 35 and 38, which were indirectly dependent from claim 11 and recite molybdate species are also canceled. Claims 11-13, 30-34, 36 and 37 remain pending in the instant Application.

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 11-13 and 30-38 as set forth at pages 4-5 of the Office Action. The amendment to claim 11 deleting molybdenum from the "M" group in the alkyl amine formula of claim 11 and corresponding cancellation of claims 35 and 38 does not expand the scope of the allowed claims and should not affect the allowability of the pending claims in the instant Application. Claims 11-13, 30-34, 36 and 37 are believed to be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance in the instant Application is earnestly solicited.

At page 2 of the Office Action the Examiner rejects claims 21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (first paragraph) as failing to comply with the written description requirement and the enablement requirement. Claims 21 and 23 are canceled, without prejudice. As such, the rejection of claims 21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (first paragraph) in the instant Application is moot.

At page 3 of the Office Action the Examiner rejects claims 1-2, 4-10, 21, 23 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 3,489,775 to de Roch *et al.* ("de Roch") in view of Freedman (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 1959, 81, p. 3934-3839) ("Freedman"). Claims 1-2, 4-10, 21, 23 and 39 are canceled from the instant Application and, as such, the rejection of these claims as obvious over de Roch in view of Freedman is moot.

At page 3 of the Office Action the Examiner rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over de Roch in view of Freedman and further in view of Krause (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 1925, p. 1689-1694) ("Krause"). Claim 3 is canceled from the instant Application and, as such, the rejection of claim 3 as obvious over de Roch in view of Freedman and further in view of Krause is moot.

Finally, the applicant notes that an Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith.

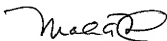
CONCLUSION

The instant application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of Claims 11-13, 30-34, 36 and 37 is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 722-0700 if it is believed that further discussions, and/or additional amendment would help advance the prosecution of the instant application.

If any extension of time for this response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge any required petition fee to the Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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